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(54) Use of non-ionic cloud point modifiers to minimize nanoparticle aggregation during sterilization.

(57) A composition comprising nanoparticles having a surface modifier adsorbed on the surface thereof and a non-ionic cloud point modifier associated therewith, which cloud point modifier is present in an amount sufficient to increase the cloud point of the surface modifier and methods of making such nanoparticles is described. A preferred surface modifier is a poloxamine such as Tetronic 908, and preferred non-ionic cloud point modifiers include polyethylene glycol, propylene glycol, ethanol, hydroxypropylcyclodextrin and/or glycerol.

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